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Alaska Airlines adds Europe's Condor Airlines as Mileage Plan Partner

New global partner gives Alaska frequent flier members travel and mileage accrual to Europe



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SEATTLE, March 20, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Alaska Airlines today announced Condor Airlines as its newest partner, giving members of its award-winning Mileage Plan more opportunities to earn and use miles on flights to Europe. Condor flies nonstop to Frankfurt, Germany from Seattle; San Diego; Las Vegas, Portland, Oregon, Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska; and Vancouver, British Columbia. Starting in June, Condor will add new nonstop Seattle-Munich service. Alaska travelers arriving on Condor flights to Frankfurt and Munich can connect to more than 75 destinations across Europe, Africa and Asia.

Alaska is raising the bar to allow Mileage Plan members to travel and earn miles to more than 900 destinations around the globe through a unique network of international partners. Over the last two years, Alaska Airlines has made several enhancements to its best-in-class Mileage Plan program including three new global partnerships and adding ways to earn miles faster, get elite status sooner and redeem miles for award travel.

"We are continuing to bolster our international partner portfolio, giving our guests access to more of the globe. Condor provides a key link, with its nonstops from seven Alaska gateways to Europe and beyond," said Andrew Harrison, Alaska Airlines executive vice president and chief commercial officer. "Condor's nonstop flights from Seattle to Germany allow our guests to step on the plane at Sea-Tac and step off in Europe, earning Mileage Plan miles along the way."

Condor travelers can join Mileage Plan for free and earn miles starting today. Existing Alaska Mileage Plan members can also start earning immediately. Miles flown will count toward elite status in Alaska's Mileage Plan. Redemption for award travel will begin at a later date. Members of Virgin America's Elevate program can earn Alaska Mileage Plan miles on Condor when using the Alaska Mileage Plan number that was issued to them earlier this year.



"We have enjoyed a longstanding partnership with Alaska Airlines that dates back eight years, prior to our introduction of non-stop Seattle service," said Ralf Teckentrup, CEO of Condor. "As Condor embarks this summer on our largest expansion of new U.S. gateways and routes, we are thrilled to expand our relationship with Alaska Airlines to offer our customers the opportunity to earn miles to all of our 75 destinations around the world."

Alaska Airlines and Condor have been connecting passengers between the two carriers on flights from Europe and North America, using an airline industry partnership called an "interline agreement", but until now have not had a mileage partnership. With the new mileage partnership, travelers on Alaska Airlines and Condor will still be able to connect seamlessly, while also earning miles and exchanging it for award travel in Mileage Plan.

The number of travelers flying Condor between North America and Europe has more than doubled in the last three years, with Condor's newly introduced trans-Atlantic routes. By summer, Condor will serve 16 cities in North America, including Alaska's West Coast cities and its newest gateways of New Orleans and Pittsburgh.

Condor, Germany's third largest carrier, is known for its excellent customer service, low fares and modern fleet of Boeing 767-300 aircraft which offers business, premium and economy classes of service. All Condor passengers receive complimentary checked baggage, beverages and meals and in-flight entertainment. Condor's business class features reclining seats, a personal in-seat, premium touch-screen entertainment system, power and USB ports at every seat and gourmet, five-course meals with complimentary wine, beer and cocktails. Business class passengers also have access to priority check-in and business class lounges at most airports. Premium class features seats with added legroom, leg rests and adjustable headrests, a premium in-flight, in-seat entertainment system with an extended program, USB ports at every seat, premium meals and complimentary beverages.

About Condor

Condor has been flying its guests to the most beautiful holiday destinations in the world since 1956. The traditional airline is a 100 percent subsidiary of Thomas Cook GmbH. On an annual basis, more than seven million passengers fly with Condor to about 75 destinations in Europe, America, Africa and Asia. The route network of the holiday airline includes over 230 destinations through cooperation with airlines in the destination areas. Condor was merged with the airlines Thomas Cook Airlines UK, Thomas Cook Airlines Belgium and Thomas Cook Airlines Scandinavia in October 2013, to form the Thomas Cook Group Airlines. All companies within the Thomas Cook Group plc. are united under a common symbol: The Sunny Heart. To express their common identity, the aircraft of the Thomas Cook Group Airlines show the sunny heart on their aircraft tails. The sunny heart also shows that Condor is putting its heart into every flight. The fleet of the Thomas Cook Group is comprised of 95 modern and environmentally friendly aircraft, of which 45 aircraft are from the Condor fleet: nine Airbus A320s, seven Airbus A321s, thirteen Boeing 757-300s and sixteen Boeing 767-300s. The aircraft are maintained by the airlines' own technical companies. The holiday airline has won numerous awards in recent years, including the award for "Service Champion 2016" in the Gold Category.

More information at www.condor.com/newsroom

About Alaska

Alaska Airlines, together with Virgin America and its regional partners, flies 40 million customers a year to 118 destinations with an average of 1,200 daily flights across the United States and to Mexico, Canada, Costa Rica and Cuba. With Alaska and [Alaska Global Partners](#), customers can earn and redeem miles on flights to more than 900 destinations worldwide. Learn more about Alaska's award-winning service and unmatched reliability at newsroom.alaskaair.com and blog.alaskaair.com. Alaska Airlines, Virgin America and Horizon Air are subsidiaries of Alaska Air Group (NYSE: ALK).

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